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## BIG FARES FOR STEAM TRAWLERS

Several Off-Shores Also at T Wharf Have Average Catches.

With four of the steam trawlers at the dock this morning, T wharf dealers were fairly well supplied in haddock, the total receipts of the steamers aggregating 290,000 pounds.

Several of the off shore sailing fleet were also there this morning and will benefit from the big prices which the wholesale dealers are paying. Schs. Josie and Phoebe had 35,000 pounds; Fannie Belle Atwood, 52,000 pounds; Thos. S. Gorton, 40,000 pounds; Lillian, 30,000 pounds; Gov. Foss, 31,000 pounds; Fannie E. Prescott, 52,000 pounds.

Haddock brought \$2 to \$6 a hundred weight; large cod, \$5.50 to \$7; market cod, \$2.25 to \$3.50; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50 to \$2. A small lot of halibut sold at 40 cents and 30 cents a pound, which is the highest price recorded this season.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Steamer Crest, 88,000 haddock, 800 cod, 1500 sole.  
Steamer Surf, 61,000 haddock, 300 cod, 1200 sole.  
Steamer Foam, 58,000 haddock, 100 cod, 1200 sole.

Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 21,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 cusk, 3000 pollock, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 37,000 haddock, 11,000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 26,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 5000 hake, 1000 cusk, 700 halibut.

Sch. Lillian, 16,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Gov. Foss, 20,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 3000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, 45,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 4000 haddock, 2500 cod, 300 pollock.

Sch. Priscilla, 1200 haddock, 300 cod, 200 hake.

Steamer Swell, 79,000 haddock, 200 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.50 to \$7; market cod, \$2.25 to \$3.50; hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.75; cusk, \$1.50 to \$2; halibut, 30 cts. to 40 cts. for white and gray.

### Foreign Mackerel Market.

The market remains inactive, the demand being light at this season, says the Fishing Gazette. No. 1 Norways hold firm, but other grades are nominally easier from lack of call. The Norwegian combination, holding the balance of the 1912 pack, will eventually influence prices on this side, but at present the stocks here seem to be sufficient for the ordinary demands of the trade for some time to come. Irish mackerel is dull but steady. The total shipments to December 7 were 1,115 barrels, bringing the total shipments of Irish autumn mackerel to date 20,700 barrels; 1912 Norway 7242 barrels. Boston received this week about 450 barrels. The Dingle report of December 12 states that about 50,000 mackerel were landed and cured during that week the count being about 360. The Liverpool report of December 14 gives shipments for week ending that date as 498 barrels of which Boston got 398. The count was 350 to 400.

A Gothenburg house advises the mackerel trade on this side as follows. If American buyers do not weaken there is no doubt we shall buy these mackerel at somewhat reduced figures from those asked today. With regard to this article we would beg to state that this year's catch is amounting to 43,000 barrels for Sweden and 25,000 barrels for Norway, or 68,000 barrels together, which is only about 5000 barrels more than last year. At this moment, (November 30) there are only about 15,000 bbls., unsold, in Sweden and Norway together. These small stocks are no longer in the possession of the fishermen, but in the hands of Swedish and Norwegian exporters.

## THREE HERRING CARGOES ALONG

Storm Held Gill Netters and Market Boats in Over Christmas.

Three herring cargoes and one cargo of salt cod from Newfoundland and one fresh fare constituted the arrivals here this morning after the holiday.

Sch. Maxine Elliott from Bonne Bay brings 1000 barrels of frozen herring and 100 barrels of pickled, for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, while schs. Arabia from Bay of Islands and Bohemia from Bonne Bay have full cargoes of salt and pickled herring for Sylvanus Smith & Company.

Sch. Ramona from Codory, Newfoundland, has 240,000 pounds of salt cod, also consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

The only arrival of fresh fish is sch. Valerie from the Cape Shore with a mixed fare of 25,000 pounds.

All the gill netters remained in port over Christmas. Tuesday, a number of the boats were driven back by the storm, but some of the larger crafts picked up their nets and brought in their fish, which sold to the fresh dealers.

### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Anna T., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Maxine Elliott, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1000 bbls. frozen herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Ramona, Codory, N. F., 240,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Arabia, Bay of Islands, N. F., 140 bbls. salt herring, 100 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Bohemia, Bonne Bay, N. F., 1200 bbls. salt herring, 50 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Valerie, Cape Shore, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Tuesday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

Steamer Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Philomena, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Sawyer, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Isben, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Gertrude DeCosta, haddocking.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2 snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl.

Fletched halibut, 10c per lb.

Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.

Pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c; round 90c.

Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and for gray.

Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for bait.

Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

## REPORT STRAIT NOW FULL OF ICE

The following message was received by the Newfoundland Marine and Fisheries department at St. John's, N. F., from Flower's Cove Thursday morning:

"As if by magic the Straits of Belle Isle suddenly assumed the aspect of mid-winter. Naught but fields of ice meet the view so far as the eye can reach, a result of the New England hurricane that raged so fiercely on Wednesday. Calm now succeeds the storm."

### The Whaling Industry.

Although the whaling industry is supposed to belong to days that are gone it is still being pursued with more or less vigor and particularly in the northern seas, says an exchange. The Norwegian Sea, for instance, is annually invaded by some half hundred vessels, mostly sailers, in pursuit of the bottlenosed whale and last year some 900 tons of oil were the result, which at present ruling prices hardly gives encouragement for expansion of this industry. At Spitzbergen there are two whaling companies operating six vessels but the season is a short one and extension of the industry there is not looked for. Last year there were six whaling companies operating 15 vessels off the Faroe Islands and for many years the industry has been carried on there with varying success. Five companies are interested in 11 vessels whaling off the Shetland and Hebrides islands and in 1909 the west coast of Ireland was invaded with such satisfactory results that two whaling stations have been erected with licenses to employ five vessels.

### Portland Fish Notes.

A lobster that must be related to some other crustacean family than those on the Maine coast made his appearance at the N. F. Trefethen Co. shops last week. He was not green as all good lobsters should be, but was spotted. Big yellow marks were all over him, on his back, sides and belly and even on his claws. He was regarded with curiosity by the men at the big lobster shops and was shown to a number of people before he was finally dumped into the boiling pot along with other less unusual shell fish. Immense numbers of lobsters are handled by the N. F. Trefethen Co. in a year, but if two yellow fish are found in that time, the men think they are numerous.

Fish arrivals were numerous, but not large Monday. The fares as reported, were: Lochinvar, 20,000; Topsail Girl, 10,000; James and Esther, 12,000; Albert D. Willard, 10,000; Dorcas, 10,000; Martha E. McLain, 2000; Crusader, 2000; Margaret, 200; Bessie M., 2000; Bernie and Bessie, 3000; and the small boats with about 15,000 pounds all told.

### Gone Out of Business.

The only real women's rights fishing firm has gone out of business. The Fish-Mott Co., of Portsmouth R. I., two women whose husbands left them a fishing business, and who carried it on for several years, have decided to quit and leave fishing business to men. They have sold their fishing steamer.

### Whales Sing.

Whales are rarely thought of as vocalists, yet, according to Miss A. D. Cameron in "The New North," they really have a distinctive song of their own. A certain Captain Kelly was the first to notice that whales sing. One Sunday, while officers from three whaling-ships were "gamming" over the afternoon walrus meat, Kelly started up with "I hear a bowhead!" There was much chaffing about "Kelly's band," but Kelly weighed anchor, and went to find the band-wagon. Every sail followed his, with the result that three whales were bagged.

Among bowheads, this singsong is a call that the leader of the school, as he forces a passage through Bering Sea, makes in order to notify those that follow that the straits are clear of ice.

Walrus and seals and all true mammals that have lungs and live in the water have a bark that sounds strange enough as it comes up from hidden depths.

### Formed a Union.

The San Joaquin fishermen have recently organized a union and will join the Black Diamond Bay fishermen and Sacramento River fishermen in a big meeting soon at San Francisco to form a coast organization. It is understood that fishermen from all unions north to the Columbia River will be on hand, representing 2500 men. Not only will means be discussed and plans formed to secure what they claim to be their rights from the big dealers, but they intend making a campaign before the Legislatures for uniform laws.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Ethel B. Penny and Elmer E. Gray arrived at Liverpool on Monday last and cleared.

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## SOME VIEWS ON STEAM TRAWLING

The report of the superintendent of the Lancashire and Western sea fisheries district of England, for the quarter ending September 30 1912, contains the following interesting items:

"Although the total value of fish landed in the district has increased from £190,492 in the September quarter of 1911 to £210,958 for the corresponding quarter in 1912 the values and quantities of wet fish landed at the minor ports have shown a marked decrease. This is due to two causes. Firstly, the extraordinarily bad weather experienced during the past summer has hindered the sailing trawlers; and secondly, plaice have been very scarce on the inshore fishing grounds. Whether this scarcity of plaice is due to overfishing in previous years or to the abnormal climatic conditions, is doubtful, but probably the latter cause is the predominant one.

"As regards shellfish there is on the contrary a gratifying increase. The total value of shellfish caught and landed within the district has increased from £8945 in September quarter 1911 to £10,727 in the quarter just ended. This is the best yield of shellfish for this quarter since September, 1907, when the value was £11,449. The greatest increase is in the case of shrimps and prawns but cockles and mussels are also exhibiting an upward tendency.

"The majority of trawl owners and fish dealers generally are strongly against the landing or sale of undersized fish of any kind, and they deplore as much as any one the destruction that at present takes place.

"Trawling when carried on in deep water well away from the land is a highly creditable method of fishing, and the people who have developed steam trawling to its present dimensions deserve every credit for their energy and ability since they have tapped or opened up a source of food supply which is unavailable by any other method of fishing.

"A great deal has been made of the argument that steam trawling has cheapened the price of fish to the consumer. An examination of the price of the commoner kinds of trawl caught fish does not lend much support to this idea. The price of fish at the ports of landing has gone up steadily since 1886 (when information was first collected), and this is only reasonable since steam trawling is bound to be a more expensive method of fishing than sailing trawling. If the price has gone up at the port of landing it is certain that the price to the consumer is higher. What has really happened is that there has been an extension of the number of people to whom fresh fish as an article of diet has become accessible.

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## STORM TIES UP FLEET TODAY

### Only a Few of Larger Gill Netters Ventured Out to Their Gear.

This morning was a quiet one in the harbor, the storm having tied up the small shore boats in port, while quite a fleet of coasters put in here for shelter. The larger steamers of the gill netting fleet got underway as usual and as it is not blowing very heavily outside, will probably lift their nets today.

Yesterday's gill netting fares aggregated some 160,000 pounds, a large percentage of which was taken by the fresh dealers and shipped to Boston, while some of the pollock went to split.

There were no off shore arrivals reported here from yesterday noon.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Alice, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mindora, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nomad, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Venture, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Hugo, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Anna T., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mary L., gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Geisha, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.  
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.  
Sch. Harriett, shore.  
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, via Boston.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.  
Sch. Lillian, via Boston.  
Sch. Gov. Foss, via Boston.  
Sch. Jeanette, shore.  
Sch. Flora L. Oliver, shore.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.  
Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25, medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.  
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snappers, \$3.25.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.  
Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.  
Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.  
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$1.50.  
Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl.  
Fletched halibut, 10c per lb.  
Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.  
Pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

#### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.  
All codfish, not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.15.  
Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 80c; round 90c.  
Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and for gray.  
Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for bait.  
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

#### Money in Smelts.

In the first 15 days of fishing on the Miramichi River, N. B., the total catch is estimated at about 400 tons of smelt besides other fish. At \$80 per ton, which is the lowest at which the fish have been selling, there has been paid out by the buyers, or received by those who have been sending their fish direct to the states, upwards of \$36,000, which is one of the best of the early season records known.

On Saturday week the fish were scarce, but reports state that the quantity was greatly increased, due, it is said, to the mild spell, but if the latter remains too long the fishermen will suffer through a drop in price.

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## MAIDEN TRIP WILL BE WATCHED

### Sch. Gertrude De Costa Has Sails As Auxiliary to Her Engine Power.

The new sch. Gertrude de Costa, the 114-ton craft owned by L. J. and M. Costa of Boston sailed on her maiden trip Monday for the Cape Shore. The craft carried a crew of 17 men all of whom were in the best of spirits at the prospect of his trip in the new craft.

The Costa which is equipped with a Blanchard 70 horse power engine left the dock under her own power. The vessel which was built at the yard of Tarr & James, Essex, in accordance with the design of Thomas McManus, formed a striking contrast to the fishermen lying alongside T wharf and Long wharf. The lack of the familiar long bowsprit of the old type of fishermen was noticeable and although this fishing schooner has a sail area of one-third that ordinarily used in vessels of this class she did not use any of the same, inasmuch as she left port under her own power and the sail area is intended to be used simply as auxiliary to the engine, while in other boats the engine has been considered as auxiliary to the sail area.

The Gertrude de Costa carried as fuel 800 gallons of fuel oil which cost 53-4 cents a gallon, while gasoline in 500 gallon lots cannot be purchased lower than 19 cents per gallon. Captain John Shea, of the Gertrude de Costa, is going to keep an accurate record of the amount of fuel used, together with the speed of the engine, and intends to make a report to his company as to the fuel consumption on the return of the vessel to Boston.

The chance of wreck in storms is one of the most serious that fishermen have formerly faced, but now with the knockabout type of fishing schooner, with its deep and sharp hull lines, short sail area and no bowsprit, these fishing schooners are easy and safe to handle in heavy seas. The crew stated that on the way from here to Boston a week ago there was less pitching with this modified knockabout type of schooner and they appreciated the fact that there would be no overboard work for the men to do in handling the sails.

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#### Strike May Not Last Long.

There is little evidence that the halibut steamer fishermen's strike at Seattle will be brought to an early termination and it is reported that some of the more thrifty of the striking fishermen who have been saving their earnings for some time past will form a company and build and operate a schooner.

## SWEPT INTO SEA TO THEIR DOOM

### Four of Crew of Digby Sch. Dorothy M. Smart Washed Overboard and Drowned.

A dispatch from Yarmouth announcing the loss of four men from the Digby fishing schooner Dorothy M. Smart commanded by Capt. Arthur Longmire has cast a gloom over the whole town of Digby. Very seldom does the Digby fishing fleet lose any of its men, either from going astray or by being washed overboard. The latter was the cause of the accident which occurred during a west-south-west squall off Yarmouth at daybreak Monday morning when the following men were swept overboard: Frank Daley, of Mount Pleasant, Jesse Halliday, of Digby, Loran McWhinnie, of Port Wade, Stewart Robinson of Parker's Cove, Joseph Hersey of Digby. The latter was rescued.

All were steady, straight going young men, well liked by a large circle of friends and excellent fishermen. Daley was married and leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters, some of the little ones being down town buying Christmas gifts when the sad news reached them.

Halliday, who resided on Birch street, leaves a widow but no family. McWhinnie and Robinson were both single.

Another dispatch says that when the squall struck the schooner she was thrown on her beam ends, and eight fishermen were washed into the sea. Three were able to seize ropes and save themselves. A fourth grasped a piece of wood and was rescued as he was about to release his hold.

## SNAPPER MEN ARE DOING WELL

Two exceptionally large snapper catches were recorded Friday morning at the E. E. Saunders Fish Company docks. The smack Flora F. Sears, Captain Fred Friedrichsen, returned from a short trip to Campechy and reported a catch of 34,000 pounds of snapper and eight thousand pounds of grouper.

Captain Alex Bushee, on the second trip out with the new smack Fish Hawk, reported a catch of 38,000 pounds of snapper and 8000 pounds of grouper.

Making the quickest trip between Pensacola and the Campechy fishing grounds on a fishing mission this fall, the smack Cavalier, of the E. E. Saunders Fish and Ice Company, reached Pensacola Monday morning and reported a catch of 26,000 pounds of snappers and 1000 pounds of groupers. The Cavalier left Pensacola 16 days ago, but in reality was out only 15 days. Four days were consumed in making the 550 mile voyage across and but 48 hours sailing were necessary to put the vessel back in Pensacola harbor.

Considering the remarkably short period out and the distance travelled, the Cavalier brought back an unusually large catch.

But one trip eclipses that of the Cavalier and that was early in the present year. Captain Gus Hansen completed the voyage in thirteen days and brought a catch of over 30 pounds of snappers.

#### Thinks It May Account for the Oysters

To the Editor of the Times:—I noticed in an issue of the Times some time ago that oysters in some mysterious manner become very plentiful in Provincetown harbor. Nine years ago last summer, I was cook on the yacht Gertrude of New York, chartered at that time by Isaac Lombard, a Chicago banker. We visited Wellfleet and while there a young man gave us two bushels of fine oysters. The captain and myself used about one-third of them and we then went to Provincetown. We lay there about a week and fearing the oysters would spoil, they were dumped overboard just inside the head of Railroad wharf. This was, as I have said, nine years ago last summer, and I think this accounts for the abundance of seed oysters that are showing there now.

ALPHONSO McLEAN,  
55 East Main Street.

## SEVERAL FROM THE CAPE SHORE

### Trips of Average Size and Prices Still Hold Up Well.

There was but little to report from T wharf this morning in the line of fresh fish receipts, five offshore fares being the only arrivals since yesterday.

The total receipts was rising of 200,000 pounds, mostly cod and haddock which brought fair prices. Yesterday afternoon, sch. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Walsh, arrived from the Cape Shore with 48,000 pounds and sch. Evelyn M. Thompson with 25,000 pounds. This morning arrivals are schs. Elsie, Capt. Thomas Downey, 43,000 pounds; Cynthia, Capt. Jeffery Thomas, 45,000 pounds; Mary E. Silveria, 42,000 pounds.

Wholesale prices on haddock were \$2.50 to \$4.50 a hundred weight; large cod, \$4 to \$6; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.75.

#### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Lucania, 30,000 haddock 17,000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 20,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1800 hake.  
Sch. Elsie, 22,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, 35,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Cynthia, 27,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 4000 hake, 200 pollock.  
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$6; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$3; pollock, \$1.50 to \$1.75.

## THE BELLEORAM BANKERS REPORT

The season of the Belleoram, N. F., bankers was not altogether successful this year due to the scarcity of bait. Several of the vessels did remarkably well. Capt. S. V. Cluett of the sch. Valorie is highliner with 4100 qtls. and shared \$500 (average), but the high dory shared \$530.

Since the closing of the fishing voyage, Capt. George Kearley of the firm of Kearley Bros. took Capt. Cluett and a crew to Gloucester and bought the famous vessel Edith M. Prior, for Kearley Bros. He has a full crew already engaged, and will start for the fishery grounds shortly after New Year.

Several of the small fishing schooners belonging at Belleoram were sold this fall, it being difficult to get crews for them.

Several changes will be made in the mastery of some vessels for next year.

The Nova Scotia sch. Hilda R., Capt. Ryan, arrived lately from Spain with a cargo of salt for the Branch firm of Harvey & Co. at Belleoram; the general opinion is that negotiations are in progress for the purchase of that beautiful vessel and not unlikely she will be commanded by one of Belleoram's local navigators next year. This vessel is being moored for the winter and Capt. Ryan and crew will leave on the Glencoe.

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#### STILL AFTER DOGFISH.

### Davis Would Have International Conference on Pests.

Charles E. Davis, who for several years has been striving to secure national legislation aimed at the destruction of the dogfish, has now inaugurated a movement for a world's peace and fisheries congress. He proposes a meeting of representatives of all the great powers to consider the proposition of devoting half of the sum that each nation now appropriates for war, to the destruction of the pests that are destroying the food supply of the world. He figures that the iron and steel now used for warships can be made into plows and agricultural implements and that the fertilizer from dogfish and the allied shark species, will help to make the soil more productive, so that more food stuffs will be raised and the price accordingly decreased.—Portland Express and Advertiser.



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**HEARING ON  
HOSPITAL SHIP**

The Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries to whom Congressman Gardner's resolution has been referred, providing for a government hospital ship to cruise the banks will give a hearing upon the measure, Monday, January 13.

Congressman Gardner, who is greatly interested in the proposed measure and is exercising every influence to secure the adoption of his resolution, has notified the Board of Trade and other organizations interested in the measure, as to the date of hearing.

Several months ago, the matter was taken up with Congressman Gardner, who alive to interests of Gloucester as he always has been, immediately drew up a set of resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Secretary Freeman of the Board of Trade is sending out letters today to Provincetown, Portland, the Boston Chamber of Commerce, American Association Master Mates and Pilots, notifying them of the hearing and requesting that they send a delegation to Washington to further the cause in mind.

The Master Mariners' Association which has been active in the matter and the Board of Trade, will send one or more representatives to the hearing.

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**Has a Big Heart.**

We believe Capt. S. Shaw of Bay St. George was the first to raise the price of herring here this fall. He first put them up to \$1.75 per barrel from the net, and on Friday and Saturday he paid \$2 per barrel for them. Other buyers offered \$1.85. Capt. Shaw while not being considered a "big man" possesses a big heart. He is a fisherman who has gone "through the mill" and knows what it is worth to catch herring in Bay of Islands, with gear at its present price.—Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star.

**Portland Fish Notes.**

No fish arrivals of importance were reported at Portland Tuesday, though some of the small boats brought in a few fish. The majority of the local fleet came in the day before, so that the men could have a chance to return to their homes for Christmas.

Dec. 27.

**MEETING TODAY.**

Anti-Beam Trawl Committees, to Gather at Boston.

A meeting of the anti-beam trawling committees of this port, Boston and Provincetown will be held at Boston this afternoon at 3 o'clock, when plans pertaining to the campaign which is being waged against the beam trawler and other details will be discussed.

The local representatives who will attend are Capt. Henry M. Atwood, president of the Gloucester committee, Richard W. Freeman, secretary and Capt. Carl C. Young.

Dec. 27.

**Provincetown Fish Notes.**

The new vessel recently built by Story of Essex has been purchased by Captain Joseph Enos, late of sch. W. A. Morse, and Captain Joseph Cabral. Captain Enos will command the new vessel in the fresh fishing business the coming season. She is to be named the Delphine Cabral.

The shore boats have had hard luck thus far and only small catches have rewarded most of them. Several of the trawl dories lost large quantities of gear last Saturday and claimed the flounder dredgers were responsible.

The cold storage companies are shipping fish regularly and the supply of food fish is said to be about all sold. There is plenty of squid for bait, however.

Dec. 28.  
**SECOND DAY OF  
NO ARRIVALS**

**Off-Shores Coming Along  
Slowly Probably Against  
Bad Weather.**

Another 24 hours and not an off-shore of any description is reported here. The heavy northwester outside has tied up the shore crafts in port, while a few of the larger steamers of the gill netting fleet were forced to put back here again, on account of rough weather.

Yesterday was a poor day for the gill netters, the day's catch totalling about 50,000 pounds, which were shipped fresh to Boston. The largest fare landed during the day was but 3500 pounds.

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nomad, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Philomena, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Venture, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

**TODAY'S FISH MARKET.**

**Salt Fish.**

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.  
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2 snappers, \$3.25.  
Eastern halibut codfish, large \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.  
Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.  
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.  
Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.  
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.  
Pollock, \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.50.  
Haddock, \$1.50.  
Large salt mackerel, \$25 per bbl.  
Fletched halibut, 10c per lb.  
Salt herring, \$3.50 per bbl.  
Pickled herring, \$4.50 per bbl.

**Fresh Fish.**

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.  
Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.  
All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.  
Hake, \$1.15.  
Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.  
Dressed pollock, 80c; round 90c.  
Bank halibut, 17c lb. for white and for gray.  
Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for salt.  
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 per cwt.

**French Fisherman Lost.**

A sailing vessel was driven ashore yesterday on the Island of Brehat, off the Brittany coast, and a torpedo boat has been sent from Brest to bring off the survivors of the crew. Many fishing vessels have been lost with their crews along the north and north-western coasts of France.

**Salt Mackerel Imports.**

Imports of new mackerel received at Boston to date are 23,243 barrels against 27,083 barrels for the same period of 1911.

Dec. 28.  
**NOT A TRIP AT  
T WHARF TODAY**

**Two Crafts Which Came  
Yesterday Afternoon Have  
the Only Supply.**

Not an arrival of any description put in at T wharf, Boston, during the night and it was pretty quiet along the dock as it always is on the closing of the week.

Yesterday afternoon, two fares arrived at the dock, sch. Clintonia having 50,000 pounds haddock, 2200 weight of cod and 3000 hake and sch. Eva Mildred, 3000 hake, 3000 haddock and 300 cod.

Haddock sold at \$5.50 a hundred pounds large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$3 to \$3.25; hake, \$4 to \$6 and pollock \$2.50.

**Boston Arrivals.**

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 3000 haddock, 300 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Clintonia, 50,000 haddock, 2200 cod, 3000 hake.

Haddock, \$5.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$6 to \$6.50; market cod, \$3 to \$3.25; hake, \$4 to \$6; pollock, \$2.50.

**Portland Fish Notes.**

Practically all the members of the local fishing fleet were hustling Thursday to get out of the harbor before there is another bad spell of weather. Some of the vessels got away and others were baiting up and will leave early this morning. Fishing is better off the course now than it has been for some weeks and the captains are anxious to land a few big hauls while the prices are as high as they are.

With the small and large boats together, about 75,000 pounds of fish were received Thursday. The principal fares were the George H. Lube, 14,000, Motor, 15,000; Hockomock, 17,000; Fannie Hayden, 10,000. The price was high, for \$5 a hundred was being paid for market fish.

Pollock are reported as schooling in large quantities to the westward and good hauls are being made. It is late in the season, but they are needed for the catch has been light this year.

In consequence of the practical failure this season of the foreign sardine catch those packers at Eastport and Lubec, who, in spite of the unusually unfavorable conditions prevailing during the summer, made their usual pack are likely to get a good return on their investment. The sardine catch along the French coast has been growing smaller every year for the past 10 years and this season was a total failure, while the catch on the Spanish and Portuguese coasts was but little better. As a result to a great extent lovers of sardines will have to content themselves with the little Maine herring put up as sardines, which by many are liked fully as well as the imported article, and can be purchased much cheaper.

**A Talk on Airing.**

Prof. Robertson, in his address at the recent meeting of the Commission of Conservation, suggested that supplies of lightly salted fish should be prepared for consumption in western Canada. He said, in part: "I do not mean the pickle of thoroughly salted and double-cured herring or mackerel, or even the cod which is dried afterwards, but a mild cure such as you get in the haddock before it is smoked. We used to get these haddock from St. Andrews, N. B. It is a question of increasing the consumption of fish by three or four times and of affording the people a more palatable food. You might in this way be able to transport fish away beyond Winnipeg in a better state of preservation than you could by cold storage."

**The Sardine Season.**

The sardine canning season in Maine closed on November 30, with a total pack considerably smaller than that of 1911. On the whole, the season of 1912 was rather unsatisfactory to the packers. The market was overstocked with the surplus of the great pack of 1911 all through the first part of the year, and some factories did not open at all, while others opened late in the summer and closed weeks before the end of the season. The supply of sardine herrings was very irregular, the fish being scarce and high in the early part of the season, while later there was almost a glut at times, and prices were low. With a fair market this winter, it is thought that there will be no considerable surplus of sardines on hand in the spring of 1913.

Dec. 28.  
**WATCH CAUGHT  
IN LOBSTER POT**

**And It Did Not Belong to  
the Owner of the Pot  
Either.**

Damaging evidence against a lobster thief down the bay was discovered this week, according to the Portland Press.

The thief lost his watch and the timepiece was found just where he had been operating. But he didn't recover it himself though it was later returned to him. For a real strange story this is about as good a one as has come up the bay in years.

This particular man—and he has been particular too—has made a practice of visiting lobster pots that were not his own, taking out the crustaceans and selling them. On one of his trips, he lost his watch. But he reported the timepiece was lost on the beach.

Several days afterwards, the rightful owner of a certain lobster pot pulled the trap and hanging to the door was a watch and chain. It was not running—that would be too much to expect in this story, but it was in pretty good order just the same. There were means of identifying it too, so it was returned to the owner.

It seems that when the thief stooped over to take the lobsters from the trap, his watch and chain slipped from his pocket and caught on the frame of the pot door. Then the trap was dropped back before the owner of the watch knew what had become of his time-piece. It was then found by the proper owner of the trap.

The strange part of the sequel is that the thief has not been prosecuted, but with this damaging evidence against him it is unlikely that he will continue his illicit traffic.

**LOBSTERS TO  
BE HIGH AGAIN**

Lobsters are bound to be high around here if there is any more bad weather says the Portland Press.

The price is going up. It has already taken a sudden rise in the lower bay for there the fishermen have been receiving 21 cents a pound for the crustaceans from the smack captains. This is an unusually big figure for this time of year. It is unusually high because the Nova Scotia lobsters are generally being rushed to this country in large quantities and their advent serves to keep the price of the local product down to an ordinary level.

But there have been heavy storms on the Nova Scotia coast. The lobstermen have been unable to get out and haul their traps. Many of them have lost their gear and this has helped to lessen the supply. As a result, more Maine lobsters are needed and they are not to be found, for the gales have affected this part of the shore as well as Nova Scotia.

Several smacks were in the lower bay the other day, as the story goes. One fisherman had some lobsters and he was offered 20 cents a pound for his catch. The other captain at once came back and offered 21 cents a pound and secured the fare.

Bad weather and scarcity of lobsters have served to drive many of the men in the lower bay out of the business. Some have already hauled up their traps for the winter and others are thinking of doing so. The haul for 35 or more traps by the fishermen has been so small that they have decided the return is hardly worth the work put in.

**High Tide Floods T Wharf.**

Owing in part to the northeast storm, there was an unusually high tide yesterday afternoon. The water submerged sections of T and Long wharves. Steamers berthed along Atlantic avenue floated practically on a level with the sidewalk. A large pool formed on Long wharf, the tide backing up through a sewer, and low sections of T wharf were under nearly a foot of water. Cellars were flooded, but it was not expected extensive damage would result.

The tide proved fatal for rats, particularly at T wharf. As the water crept higher, the rodents were compelled to leave their holes, only to meet their ends on the prongs of pitch forks wielded by fishermen. Cats had a feast.